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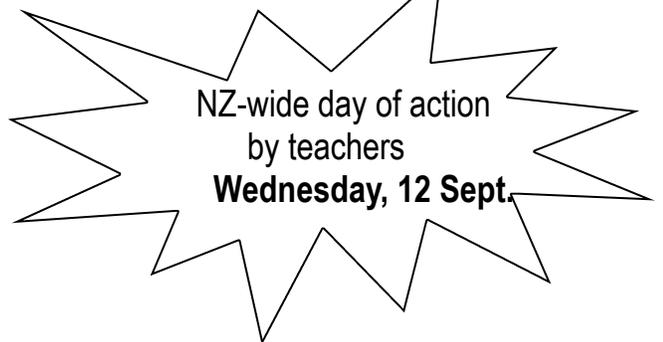
If anyone in your family was in the school production of A Midsummer Night's Dream or the Poly Fest, then you can be very proud of your school and its students. What marvellous and exciting talent we have within this school for leadership in all areas.

Senior students will have the **Taita College Exams** from 5-14 September. Over this time they will be on study leave and will only be at school for their exams. Students must attend their exams (they have already been given a timetable) and any absentees will be followed up by the students' teachers.

Please note the NZ-wide day of industrial action on Wednesday, 12 September. Supervision will only be available by arrangement with the Principal.

Please encourage students to study for these exams. Study and subject advice is readily available from the website —

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www.studyit.org.nz. This is an interactive websites with very useful links

Arriving

Welcome to the following teachers -

Hamish Buddle - Mathematics, Science and PE.

Caroline Harris - English.

Kirsten Keighley - Science and Chemistry.

Laura le Paige - English.

Temma Price - Health and PE.

Rising or Returning

Helen Benge has taken up the French position in addition to her current portfolio of junior music and art.

Tony Montgomery has been appointed to the position of HOD, Mathematics .

Ray Prasad cannot leave us for long as he is back teaching mathematics.



Departing

Margaret Tollenaar (English and French teacher) left us to take up a position at The Correspondence School.

Mike Williams (HOD Mathematics) left us to teach at Tawa College.

Congratulations



Peter Hijazeen and his wife have a handsome new addition to their family — a first born son.

David Young and his wife have a beautiful new addition to their family—a first born daughter.

Kerry Hirini has a gorgeous new baby daughter.

PolyFest



Taita College had a very good start to their item. They looked and sounded good and have learnt much from their experience.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Taita College's 50th jubilee production, **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, ended its season on Sunday 5 August and earned accolades from the following prominent people: Dawn Sanders, Chief Executive for Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand; Jack Shallcrass, noted educationalist; Barbara Hay, Secretary to the Hutt Valley Theatre Trust; Simon Edwards, Editor of the Hutt News, and Paul Wah and Murray Trenberth who were both ex-principals of Taita College, among others.

Congratulations to all who took part, on-stage or backstage to make this production a worthy 50th celebration of the talents of Taita College students.



The Friday night audience was shocked to sight an ambulance at the school and then was told that the performance had been postponed until Sunday night. It was well worth waiting for...Puck lived to leap about in a sling!



Photos by Morehu Rei

Trevor Williams, director and Jo Mells, designer take a bow after a superb effort as the life and soul of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The school's production was better than a recently viewed professional performance. (Editor's view)



Ministry of Youth Development Update

The Ministry of Youth Development experience is AWESOME!! We have had 5 meetings and it has been really good voicing an opinion about youth wages and other youth topics that affect us! Recently, we had a dinner party to celebrate our 'activate advisory group' making it halfway through the year!! Exciting!!!

In the last holidays I was privileged enough to be selected alongside another Samoan student from St Bernard's to represent Wellington Pacific Island youth at an ALAC CONFERENCE held in Auckland. It was so overwhelming and I took so much away from the 2-day conference! Fati Toaga'i who is a youth councillor for Vibe came with us and ALAC paid for our airfares, food, and accommodation. We had representatives from Christchurch, Invercargill, Auckland, Tokoroa, Taupo etc. (I still couldn't believe I had been chosen to represent Wellington PI's.)

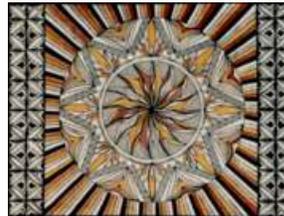
I am a member of the YOUTH COUNCILLORS OF HUTT CITY COUNCIL, and I am a member of the DROP IT LYK IT'S HUTT LEADERSHIP GROUP. I joined both these groups in June and it is going reeaally well!!

Sara Samuelu and I were chosen to attend a NZ DIVERSITY FORUM and associated events like a concert, which are to be held in Auckland on 25 until the 28 August.

These public events are being held in the Parnell Community Centre, Auckland Museum and Auckland Town Hall.

This is sooo exciting and I feel so privileged to even be chosen. There will be a range of community forums to canvass experience and knowledge about refugee and settlement issues. The Hutt City Council is sponsoring Sara and I to go and I know I am going to get a lot out of it. The New Zealand Diversity Action programme is the signature event of the Human Rights Commission.

Susana Malaki



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Haley Small - Outstanding in Project K

Although many teachers have played very important roles in Haley's education, some of whom have also left, especial thanks were extended to Emma Henderson, Cat Saysell and Jennifer Wooding who played a large part in Haley's positive development for the longest period of Haley's college years to date. Haley recently won the NZ Outstanding Student's Award for Project K.

At her graduation last year Haley was eligible for the Regional Awards Evening as the finalist for the Outstanding Student's Award. Haley joined other students from schools who had also been given this award for showing the following attributes:

- * *Independence, responsibility and success in planning and achieving goals*
- * *Initiative in their mentoring partnership*
- * *Commitment to the aims and objectives of Project K*

Haley is grateful to her mentor. She won this event out of three students chosen. It was held in Chapman Tripp, Customhouse Quay building (Level 17). Haley had to make a speech saying why they should select her to be the regional representative .

This gave her the opportunity to compete in the Nationals, which were held in Auckland on 17 August. Haley, her mentor Karlene and one guardian (her dad's went with her) had a fun-filled day as well. Haley won this prestigious event.

She cannot go to Antarctica (the initial prize) because of its current environmentally fragile state, but has been promised other fun-filled activities such as a place on the Spirit of Adventure and other adventure activities. We are very proud of her successes and thank all of those who make this opportunity available annually and contribute to its success.



Haley and her mentor Karlene

Our website—www.taita.school.nz— you can access information at any time, or students can study online.

CAREERS

Course selection for 2008 will occur early in Term 4. It is important for students, especially those entering the senior school, to have invested some time in thinking about what they would like to do when they leave school. Included with this newsletter are a number of resources from Career Services which may help students start a “career action” plan. Also included are resources from the University of Otago and Victoria University listing the recommended school subjects students should take to best prepare themselves for their tertiary studies. All students will be interviewed and course selection discussed in Term 4.

It is important students consider the following points when choosing their programme:

- ⇒ Interests and strengths
- ⇒ Subjects required for tertiary study
- ⇒ Keeping options open by taking a range of subjects if undecided on a career path
- ⇒ Prerequisites for further study ie to take a subject at Level 2 the prerequisite will be a set number of Level 1 credits
- ⇒ English is a compulsory subject at years 9,10,11 & 12
- ⇒ Maths is a compulsory subject at years 9,10 & 11

We are very pleased to announce that the new Careers Room is now completed and open for use. It is situated on the mezzanine floor in the Library. Appointments can be made to see a careers advisor by contacting Mrs Agalawatta.

A Career Services team came into school early this term and interviewed all Year 12 & 13 students to discuss their ‘career plans’ for 2008. A number of Year 11’s were also able to take up this opportunity. Career Services has a very informative website that we strongly recommend all students and parents visit www.career.govt.nz

Other websites available with detailed career information are:

www.yourcareerguide.co.nz

www.labourmarket.co.nz

www.worksite.co.nz

www.coolcareers.com

www.netcv.co.nz – this site allows you to create a CV online



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More Candid Camera from MSND



Theatresports



A dedicated group has been coming to F4 at Thursday lunchtime to practise their craft. There have been many competing activities so it is great that this team is preparing for inter-college competition in the future.

Some of these students were in the school production as well. Keep up the hard work, team.



House Update: Charles clutches the lead

The break for exams ends a busy time for the House Competition, with the Spelling Bee Challenge held across three lunchtimes in week 2, and the Performing Arts Challenge held across two lunchtimes in week 5.

What talent and leadership there is at Taita.



In the Spelling Bee Challenge the highlights undoubtedly included how well all Houses performed in the face of words prepared by our quizmaster Roy Grigor. On occasion, our MC's were struggling to pronounce, let alone spell, these words! An excellent introduction by the Year 12 Bear team of Ebony van der Raaij, Charon Maseka and Haley Small saw them wear costumes appropriate for the occasion, (complete with enormous spectacles), and there was fine support from junior members of each House when it came time for the Year 13's to have their turn before the quizmaster!

Bear House got up to just pip Charles House, with Jamieson just nudging ahead of Narraway House for 3rd.

In the inaugural House Performing Arts Challenge, the undoubted highlight was the quality and variety of the performances delivered on the back of limited rehearsal time. The competition was enjoyed by performers, supporters and judges alike, although perhaps less so by the judges who faced the difficult task of separating the performances of the Houses to find an overall winner.

In the singing round of the competition the judges chose the Charles choir's version of the National Anthem and Amazing Grace, Charles just pipped Narraway and Bear Houses' fine efforts.

In the dance segment of the competition, Ammon Ah Wong's contribution with the Jamieson House dancers (Tasha McAllister, Sarah Burr and Sarah Young) alongside their puppeteers, (Taka Kauri and Hiro Tanaka) saw the judges award Jamieson House first place. Bear House was second overall with Charles and Narraway.

The overall standings are now Charles on 4,531; Bear on 4,186; Narraway on 3,629; and Jamieson on 3,437 and there are 4,000 more points still to earn.



Future NZ Gym Champs

Congratulations to Hope Te Kira, Johanna Kiernan and Loren du Chateau who have been selected to represent Wellington at the NZ Gymnastics Championships in Auckland at the end of September.



Smallbore Rifle Shooting

Taita College has won five out of six of the last smallbore rifle shooting competitions for the Wellington secondary schools' competition.

This year the team, which consisted of Megan Bogisch, Megan Stanyon, Steven Brooking, Todd Wynne and Rachel Partridge successfully defended the title they retrieved last year.

They beat second and third placed Samuel Marsden Collegiate and Wellington College.



Science News

3U and 4F planted native plants on the bank below the house here at Taita College. They did this after learning about the importance of native plants in stabilising the soil and using up carbon dioxide. The importance of biodiversity in the curriculum is ever relevant to the practices in our community.

We had several exhibits at the recent science fair. Although the school did not win any prizes, it was an exciting experience for those junior students who were involved.



Shooting continued

The week before the competition Megan Bogisch, shooting for the Hutt Valley NPC team as one of the three junior shooters, scored an amazing double of 100.7 and 100.8 in her two rounds. She literally finished off the Otago provincial team with the points she scored for her province. It was an amazing shoot for someone of this age.

Basketball

The Junior Boys in division two comfortably beat Onslow in their final : 82-62. Huge thanks are due to coach Shook Rapana for his sterling work with this team this year and also to Valmae Rapana and Danielle Shields for their team management.

The top scorers on the board were J Rapana 31, N Shields 23 and I Wharewera 10. Well done to all of the team for their team effort. This was an outstanding result.



Thomas Fuller

A wise man turns chance into good fortune.

www.quotations.about.com

Hockey

The girls' hockey semi-final game between Taita College and Aotea College held at Fraser Park was between two well-matched teams.

Both teams played well and had strong players alongside newer players who were showing early promise of great play to come. Equally, both teams made crucial errors that cost them dearly.

The final result was close 3-2 to Aotea and this team was the better team on the day.

Spirit of Adventure

Congratulations to Jennifer Harawira who was selected for a 10-day voyage out of Auckland in June.

This was an amazing experience for her and she joins a list of 10 other students who have been sponsored annually on a voyage.

The school and these students truly appreciate this very generous sponsorship.



Soccer – Junior Girls

The girls finished the season a few weeks ago by winning an exciting penalty shoot out to finish the season in fifth place. Tied up at 2 all with Tawa College at full time and after extra time, the excitement of a shoot out was building. Coach *Stephen Silk* gave the advice to the 5 shooters to strike the ball as hard as they could at the goalie. The girls followed this advice and scored 5 out of 5, and Tawa missed one. The arms and cheers went up with elation, but the girls remained humble in victory as the Tawa player that missed was understandably upset.

The result was fitting for a new first-year team and the girls showed great improvement throughout the season. They started the season with some good wins, and a few losses, generally caused by not finishing off. Then the pool was split and the girls started playing in the top pool. This challenge was excellent for individual skill development as the team was evenly matched and the games were close. The coach, and his assistant Wendy Silk, had their work cut out as well and did an excellent job building up the girls' skill levels at practice each week. We acknowledge them and the team for the massive defensive effort, tenacious goal keeping, midfield position and passing effort, and the strike attack up front for the final game.

Congratulations to the following girls on an excellent season.

Kayla	Bedlington
Ashley	Chesterfield
Emma	Edmond
Marieke	Hagenaars
April	Havler
Lau	Jimmy-Fafoa
Deva	Kainga
Sybrena	Pahina
Georgia	Silk
Kylie	Vidot
Lynda	Wallis
Katie	Worth
Kerri-Ann	Poulsen
Bridget	Smith

Well done girls for a great effort.



Netball



Prem 1- victorious team with coach Alissa Morgan-Ziogas and Captain Alicia Colledge.

Prem One won its final in the Hutt Valley secondary schools competition against St Oran's College in a nerve-wracking, nail biting 40 minute game.

There was outstanding play from all of the players and an excellent acceptance speech was delivered by the captain, Alicia Colledge.

Uaea Upu'ula played valiantly with a knee support and at the close of the game the boys went onto the court and delivered a rousing haka. We salute the opposition as worthy opponents. Taita College last won in 2005.

At the Lower North Island championships held at the Taita courts from 27-31 August the team finished in 5th place—an excellent achievement. Unfortunately, Uaea suffered a serious knee injury and will be out of sport for several weeks.

COLLEGIATE 4

Collegiate 4 team members won their grade and were very pleased with their well-earned win as well. This team is hard-working and deserves many accolades. The team has had a great season and the win was a sweet victory for all players.

Rugby

Congratulations to Bradley Shields, Michael Kainga and Dylan Hemopo who have all been selected for Wellington representative rugby teams.

Bradley and Michael were selected for the U16 A side and Dylan for the U16 B side.

Special congratulations also to Michael who won an NZRU scholarship to attend the International Rugby Academy August Advanced Players course from 11– 17 August in Palmerston North.

First Fifteen

On Saturday 25 August there were two teams involved in the **finals** at Rongotai College. The 1st XV played St Bernard's College and won by the convincing margin of 22-15. They displayed good fitness and played intelligently. All due praise to the coach Aaron Jones and the managers Danielle and Nigel Shields. Thanks must also go to Graeme Hardie who filled the role of coach on the day as Aaron was unable to be present.

Our boys displayed superb self control in two areas—firstly, when they played on after some aggressive tackling and secondly, in the face of tough language baiting. The team won the Onslow Cup.



Taita College 1st XV members enjoy their victory with captain, Michael Kainga.

U55

The U55's played against St Patrick's College, Wellington prior to the First XV game and played very well. Unfortunately, they lost by 2 so they were not members of the winning , however they are to be commended for their teamwork and effort .

Our thanks go to the coaches and managers whose supportive roles are much appreciated. We also thank all parents who support their boys so well.





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Leaders' Course

Discovery is a programme to develop leaders for our future.

Teenagers learn to excel at school work, break through limiting beliefs and develop courage and self esteem. They learn to recognise their ability to lead and become more effective within their families and the world.

We need people like **you**, to be a **Team Leader** and role model for the teenage participants.

Interested in knowing more???

Phone Global Youth Foundation now on 0800 493 968 or email info@globalyouth.co.nz

Discovery 42: Team Leaders
27 Sept – 7 Oct at Rathkeale College, Masterton.



50th Jubilee

Taita College 50th Jubilee
19-21 October 2007 (Labour Weekend). Information available from

www.taita.school.nz

Registrations are coming in thick and fast so take the opportunity to catch up with some old mates.

Download your registration form today and send in with your payment.

7.30 -11.30pm Friday night Mix 'n mingle in the school hall

6pm -12 midnight Dine & Dance at the Duxton on Saturday night

School based activities (including photos) on the Saturday

Sunday - more sedate activities and rest! Any queries please email

reunion@taita.school.nz

Coming Up

- 5-14 Sept** Senior Exams/PED triathlon
- 12 Sept** Industrial action
- 20 Sept** OPC Yr 9 / 10 EOTC
- 21 Sept** School closes for T3/ reports posted
- 8 Oct** School opens for T4
- 10 Oct** Option choice night

